

U.S. Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise



Mr. Jim Van Wormer joined the Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise in January 2018 following 35 years in the commercial towing industry and 4 years' service on a sea-going buoy tender in the U.S. Coast Guard.

During his time in the towing industry, he worked primarily as Master of offshore towing vessels throughout Alaska and all waters of the Pacific. Over the last 10 years of commercial service, he held responsibilities in fleet and project management including numerous heavy lift and specialty cargo movements supporting the offshore oil and gas industry, mining industry, and large infrastructure projects. For 14 years, his duties also included the implementation and management of ISO/ISM and AWO RCP quality assurance programs within his assigned fleet of 16 offshore towing vessels.

Mr. Van Wormer is currently licensed as a 1600 Ton Master of Oceans with Master of Towing upon Oceans and Western Rivers, and is certified as an ISO 9001:2015 Lead-Internal Management Systems Auditor.